GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Registration & Stamps Department - allegation of corruption and irregularities against Sri G.Srinagesh, Senior Assistant (now Retired), Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant, (now Retired), Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry & four others – Surprise check conducted by the Anti Corruption Bureau on 14-10-2010 – Disciplinary proceedings initiated – Regular enquiry conducted – Report communicated – Representation received – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1028 Dated:6-10-2016.

Read the following:

1. Radio Message from the DSP, ACB, Rajahmundry dt:15-10-2010.
2. DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.66/DES-REG/2010, dt:9-5-2011.
3. Govt., Memo.No.48302/Vig.Vi(1)/2012-1, dt:1-6-2011.
4. G.O.Ms.No.1614, Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:9-8-2011.
5. G.O.Rt.No.995, Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:9-8-2011.
6. G.O.Rt.No.996, Rev (Vig.VI) Deptt., dt:9-8-2011.
7. G.O.Rt.No.19, Rev (Vig.II) Deptt., dt:4-1-2012.
8. D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/15705/2010, dt:11-2-2016 along with enquiry report.
9. Govt., Memo.No.48302/Vig.II(1)/2010-5, dt:31-3-2016.
10. D&IG, R&S, AP., Hyd., Lr.No.Vig.3/15705/2010, dt:31-5-2016 along with representation of both the COs Sri G.Srinagesh, former Sr.Asst., (now Retd) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Jr.Asst., (Retd), RO (OB), Rajahmundry.

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ORDER:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau has reported that on the allegation of corrupt practices by officials of Sub Registrar Office, Rajahmundry, a Surprise check was conducted over the Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry, East Godavari District.

2. And whereas, in the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau while furnishing the detailed surprise check report have recommended to initiate departmental action for major penalty for violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 against Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (Retired), Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry among three others.

3. In the reference 4th read above, Government have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against all the officials involved in the surprise check since the nature of irregularity is common among them.

4. And whereas, in the references 5th & 6th read above, Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings against both the Charged Officers Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (Retired), Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry among three others duly framing the following charges.

Charge against Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (Retired):

That Sri G.Srinagesh, Sr.Asst., SRO, Rajahmundry indulged in

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corrupt practices and was found in possession of unaccounted amount of 900/- (collection of illegal gratifications) and thereby committed grave misconduct exhibiting lack of integrity and devotion to duty.

Charge against Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (Retired) :

That Sri D.Veerabhadram, Jr.Asst., SRO, Rajahmundry indulged in corrupt practices and was found in possession of excess amount of Rs.25/- (collection of illegal gratification) as against amount declared in personal cash Register and thereby committed grave misconduct exhibiting lack of integrity and devotion to duty.

5. The Charged Officers have not submitted Written Statement of Defences and the prescribed limit has been elapsed. Government have examined the matter and appointed Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada as Inquiring Authority in the reference 7th read above.

6. In the reference 8th read above, the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad has transmitted the Inquiring Authority report for taking necessary action in the matter.

7. The Inquiring Authority has stated that based on the documentary and oral evidence adduced in the case before him and in view of the reasons given therein, he hold that the charges held proved against both the Charged Officers Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (Retired), Registrar Office (Original Branch), Rajahmundry.

8. Government have examined the matter and communicated the Inquiring Authority report to both the Charged Officers in the reference 9th read above.

9. In the reference 10th read above, both the Charged Officers have submitted representations. Among the Charged Officers one Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) has mainly stated among others that prior to the surprise check, his wife accidentally sustained burn injuries and was bed-ridden at the time of the surprise check and stated that on that day morning, having attended the office, as usual he declared personal cash of Rs.400/- in the concerned register. He has further stated that in the afternoon, just prior to the Anti Corruption Bureau surprise check, one of his neighbors came to the office and gave him Rs.900/- which was sent by his wife for purchase of medicines which have been prescribed by the doctor and stated that he just kept the amount with him with an intention to purchase the medicines after he leaves the office. He has further stated that at that time, a raid has been conducted and stated that as he was in possession of excess amount than what he has disclosed in the register, the Anti Corruption Bureau were under the suspicion that the said amount is illegal gratification and seized the same. He has also stated that the said amount has not received by him from any one and it is his personal amount which he got in the circumstances stated supra and stated that the said fact putforth before the Anti Corruption Bureau officials, but they did not pay heed to his submission. He has therefore, requested to consider the above facts and exonerate him from the charge framed against him.

10. Another Charged Officer Sri D.Veerabhadram, former Junior Assistant (now Retired) in his representation has mainly stated among others that he is in habit of bringing Rs.25/- weekly once with which he used to purchase of flowers near Vinayaka Temple within Mandal Revenue Office compound and stated that as usual on the date of raid, he gave Rs.50/- note to

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Sri Bhavana Prakasarao (Bhanu Prakash), S/o. Premanandam who runs the flowers shop and for want of change, he could not return the balance of Rs.50/- forthwith, he purchased the flowers. In this regard, he has further stated that the sale of flowers in the day time would last by noon time at 1.00 P.M, the said Bhanu Prakash returned the Rs.25/- to him while he was in his office and stated that however, he did not include the same in the personal cash declaration register as he has already entered Rs.100/- as having been in his possession under the impression that the total amount possessed by him did not exceed Rs.500/- which is permissible as per the orders of the Government in vogue. On which, the ACB Officials, under a misconception, seized the said negligible amount of Rs.25/- branding the same as illegal gratification. Therefore, the Charged Officer requested the Government to exonerate him from the charge framed against him.

11. Government have examined the matter in respect of Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and observed that the charge is that he is in possession of excess amount of Rs.900/- and the contention of the Charged Officer is that his wife sent the amount to him for purchase of medicines.

12. And in respect of another Charged Officer Sri D.Veerabhadram, former Junior Assistant (Retired) observed that the charge is that he is in possession of Rs.25/- excess amount.

13. Government after careful examination of the findings of the Inquiring Authority keeping in view the representations of the Charged Officer Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (now Retired), it is decided to drop further action against them by taking a lenient view.

14. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against both the Charged Officers Sri G.Srinagesh, former Senior Assistant (now Retired) and Sri D.Veerabhadram, Junior Assistant (now Retired) by taking a lenient view.

15. The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJEYA KALLAM
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Individuals (through the Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District with a request to serve the order on the individual and furnish the served copy to Government for record).
The Director & Inspector General, Registration & Stamps,
Eedupugallu, Vijayawada, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.
Copy to:
The Secretary to the Vigilance Commissioner,
Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, A.P.Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, P.N.Bus Station,
NTR Administration Block, 2nd Floor, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Kakinada,
East Godavari District.
The Deputy Inspector General, Registration & Stamps, Eluru,
West Godavari District.
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SECTION OFFICER